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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20445

Re: MB Docket No. 04-160

I am writing you to express my support for the NAB Petition of April 14, 2004. (MB Docket No. 04-160). This Declaratory Ruling on Satellite radio's broadcasting of local weather and traffic, and future plans to expand their reach into local radio, is extremely important for the preservation of local broadcasters.

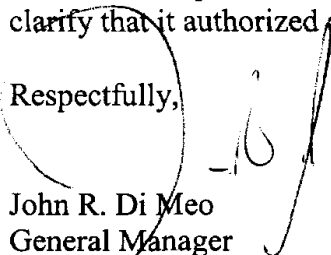
The FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect vibrant local broadcasting, and promised to take "any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." The time to act is now. Without FCC intervention, two companies, with 120 channels each, will reach into every market and try to mimic what local broadcasters do.

We work extremely hard in Lewis County, Washington, to provide our listeners and community a wide menu of local news, weather and sports. Our cities depend on us for news and information in emergency situations such as the Nisqually Earthquake in 2001, the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980 and numerous flood related events in the years between. Satellite radio has no local investment in these local communities. Nor do they have any public interest or ownership limits.

XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises made to the FCC to provide national-only programming. They have already launched "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. And this is only the beginning.

Before XM and Sirius invest millions of dollars in technology, and further raise consumers' expectations about their ability to receive specific content, the FCC must clarify that it authorized a national-only satellite radio service.

Respectfully,


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